

City Clerk's Office
May 11, 2015
5:00 p.m.

The governing body of the City of Syracuse met in regular session on May 11, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. in the City Clerk's Office. Councilmembers present were: Michele Boy, Vance Keller, Steve Schell, and Mayor, Blake Upson. Employees present were: Brian Bloyd, City Administrator, Linda Dinkel, City Clerk, Sarah Carter, City Treasurer, Rob Gale, City Attorney, and Joy Bezona, Animal Control Officer. Leslie Carlholm, Marcus Ashlock, Rick Dikeman, Wendy Razo, Juan Razo, Hannah Nuenschwander and her parents, Roy Newman and Charlotte Newman were also present. Councilmembers Dustin Doze and Matt Gould were not present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and Mayor Upson declared the meeting open.

Mayor Upson asked if there were any public comments. There were none at that time.

Councilmember Boy presented Roy Newman as March's citizen of the month for delivering mail and running errands for people. Councilmember Boy presented Hannah Nuenschwander as May's citizen of the month for rescuing two children and puppy from the middle of the highway.

Juana Bustillos, Citizen of the Month for April, was not present.

Student Citizen of the Month for May was Juan Razo. Razo helped Krista Norton carry trash from the theater and helped getting Avery Schwieterman into the vehicle on his way home from school.

Councilmember Schell made motion to adopt the agenda. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Keller. Motion passed unanimously

Minutes of April 13, 2015 were approved after spelling corrections on motion from Councilmember Schell, seconded by Councilmember Keller. All councilmembers voted aye.

Councilmember Keller made motion to approve minutes from the special meeting on April 24, 2105. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Schell. Motion was passed unanimously.

Councilmember Keller made motion to approve appropriation ord. #910 in the amount of \$99,337.36. Councilmember Schell seconded the motion. All councilmembers voted aye.

Rick Dikeman, representing the Masons, was here to ask for the council's approval of a children's fishing tournament on June 6, 2015 at Sam's Pond. There will be a \$3.00 entry fee to the tournament which would include a hot dog for lunch. Dick's Sporting Goods has offered to send two instructors for the day. They are hoping this will be an annual event. Councilmember Schell made motion to allow the fishing tournament; motion was seconded by Councilmember Keller. All councilmembers voted aye.

Joy Bezona, Animal Control Officer, asked the council for permission to obtain a sprinkler system for the dog park. The cost would be \$1500 or less. This item was tabled until the next regular meeting.

At this time, Councilmember Gould joined the meeting via speaker phone. The new trash truck from Downing Sales and Service has been delivered. Lease purchase agreements from the First National Bank and the Valley State Bank to finance the trash truck were presented. First National Bank offered 3.75% interest for 4 years and the annual payments would be \$30,315. Total paid out would be \$121,260.00. Valley State Bank offered 2.75% interest for 4 years, the annual payments would be \$29,510. Total payments would be \$118,040. Councilmember Boy made motion to enter into a lease purchase agreement with the Valley State Bank. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Gould. Councilmember Schell abstained from the vote. Councilmembers Boy, Gould, and Keller voted aye. No councilmember voted nay. Councilmember Gould left the meeting.

City Administrator Bloyd presented a product quotation from White Star Machinery for a S590 T4 Bobcat Skid-Steer Loader. The price was \$34,933.84, trade in for City's skid steer of \$15,000.00 for a purchase price of \$19,993.00. Two options were also included in the quote, an annual trade in for the difference of \$2,990.00 or an annual lease of \$4,310.00. These options would provide a new machine each year.

Mayor Upson presented his appointments for the upcoming year. Appointments were approved on motion made by Councilmember Keller. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Schell and passed unanimously. (see attached)

Councilmember Keller made motion for Councilmember Schell to be council president. Motion was seconded Councilmember Boy. All members voted aye.

Councilmember Boy presented having another handicap parking spot on the east side of Main Street. Administrator Bloyd will research this issue.

Charlotte Newman mentioned that people are parking in driveways and blocking alleys. This is an enforcement issue and will be handled as such, but signage may be looked into. The Newman's also requested a trash pickup.

City Clerk Dinkel asked for money to purchase fireworks for the community display on Independence Day. Councilmember Schell made motion to allow \$1000 towards purchase of the fireworks.

REPORTS:

Economic Development: Carlholm told the council that she had attended the Kansas Sampler in Wamego and there were an estimated 12,000 people who had attended. There were 152 responses to the community survey. The community development board was going to consider becoming an e-community. Carlholm had submitted information about the possible KDOT Transload sites.

Sand Park: Had a good opening weekend in conjunction with the annual car show. The grass seed has been planted.

City Administrator: New Playground equipment needs concrete curb by the swings. Crew is working on getting the street equipment ready. We are helping with plumbing issues at the fairgrounds. Loaned the loader to county road department again for a short time. Discussed adding a bathroom at Benchmark Park to the 5 year plan.

City Clerk: Office is running smoothly and everything is going well.

Round Table: Rob Gale, City Attorney, clarified ordinance no. 582, which prohibits wild or exotic animals, animals with poisonous bites and pit bull dogs within the corporate limits. No new animals prohibited in ordinance no. 582 are allowed within the City of Syracuse after the ordinance was published on November 4, 1987.

Councilmember Boy made motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Keller. It was passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned.

ATTEST:

Linda Dinkel
City Clerk

Blake Upson
Mayor

Mayor's Appointments
May 2015

Administrator	Brian Bloyd
City Clerk	Linda Dinkel
Treasurer	Sarah Carter
Fire Chief	David Stimatze
Attorney	Rob Gale
City Judge	Donna Blake
Newspapers	The Syracuse Journal
Depository Banks	The Valley State Bank
	The First National Bank

Committee Appointments
May 2015

Committee	Chairman	Member	Member
Streets & Alleys	Steve Schell	Dustin Doze	Brian Bloyd
Water-Sewer-Trash	Matt Gould	Michele Boy	Craig Norton
Fire & Police	Vance Keller	Matt Gould	Jerrin Phillips
Finance	Vance Keller	Dustin Doze	Linda Dinkel
Ordinances	Dustin Doze	Vance Keller	Sarah Carter
Parks	Michele Boy	Steve Schell	Gary Nielsen
Animal Control	Michele Boy	Steve Schell	Kerstin Mitchell

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Health Insurance	Dustin Doze Jerrin Phillips	Brian Bloyd	Linda Dinkel
Multi Media	Vance Keller Marcus Ashlock	Sarah Carter	Tim Nichols
Sand Park	Blake Upson Charles Stimatze Brian Bloyd	Brian Grilliot Garland Smith	David Stimatze Steve Schell
Sam's Pond	Kenny Bay Harold Urie	Todd Huser Brian Bloyd	Stan Englert Dustin Doze
Future Leaders	Steve McAllister	Class	
Community Econ. Dev.	Steve Schell – May 2015 (2 year term) up in 2017		
	Michele Boy – May 2014 (2 year term) up in 2016		
Planning Commission	Rebekah Platt – May 2015 (3 year term) up in 2018		
	Park Hawkins – May 2014 (3 year term) up in 2017		
Board of Zoning Appeals	Don K. Lee – May 2015 (3 year term) up in 2018		
Zoning Administrator	Kerstin Mitchell		